Present situation in U.S.S.R.

486. PROF. SOURENDRA BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has received full report of the present situation of the Government of USSR by now;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether relationship between the countries were affected due to certain changes; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) and (b) Political developments in the USSR are taking place at a rapid pace. Government are closely monitoring the changes. Regular & detailed reports are being received in this connection from our Embassay in Moscow. There is also extensive media coverage of these changes.

(c) No Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

आठवीं योजना के दौरान छोटे पत्तनों का विकास

487. **श्री अजीत जोगी**: क्या जल-भूतल परिवहन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) आठवीं पंचवर्षीय योजना के दौरान विभिन्न राज्यों में विकसित किए जाने वाले छोटे पत्तनों का ब्यौरा क्या है; और

(ख) उन पर राज्य-वार कितनी-कितनी धनराशि व्यय किए जाने का प्रस्ताव है ?

जल-भूतल परिवहन मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (स्वतंत्र प्रभार) (श्री जगदीश टाईटलर): (क) और (ख) लघु पत्तनों का विकास करना संबंधित राज्य सरकार की जिम्मेदारी है । इस समय केन्द्र सरकार के पास किसी लघु पत्तन का चयन करने अथवा विकास करने हेतु कोई प्रस्ताव नहीं है ।

Coastal Sea Service between Goa and Bombay

488. SHRI JOHN F. FERNANDES: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any request from private parties to operate coastal sea service between Goa and Bombay;

(b) if so, what are the names of those parties; and

(c) what type of vessels they offered to operate on Konkan route?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The following companies had applied for permission to operate coastal sea service between Goa and Bombay:—

Sl.No.	Name of the Company	Type of vessel
1.	M/s Satya Giri Shipping Company	High-speed Catamaran
2.	M/s West Coast Hoverline (Pvt.) Limited. . .	Hovercraft
3.	M/s Binkam Shipping Seevices (Pvt.) Limited. . .	Catamaran
4.	M/s Great Eastern Shipping Company. . . .	Catamaran
5.	M/s Link on Sea Link Pvt., Limited. . . .	Catamaran

The validity of sanction in respect of M/s Binkam Shipping Services (Pvt.) Limited and M/s Great Eastrn Shipping Company has since expired. In case of M/s West Coast Hoverline (Pvt.) Limited, the application was rejected as it was deficient in details.

Appointing the Telephone Advisory Committees in the country

489. SHRI JOHN F. FERNANDES: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the reasons for Government not appointig the Telephone Advisory Committees in the country for the last two years despite assurances to that effect to appoint them shortly; and

(b) if so, by when Government propose to appoint the Goa Telephone Advisory Committee?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) and (b) Regulations regarding constitution of Telecom Advisory Committees (IACs) were under examination for some time. After these were finalised, only 51 out of about 120 committees due to be formed were constituted in March, 1991 by the then caretaker Government. The constitution of these committees is under review. The remaining TACs including Goa TAC are under process of constitution.

Attestation of passport forms by M.Ps./MLAs./MLCs.

490. SHRI JOHN. F. FERNANDES: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state;

(a) whether Government have reconsidered the issue of re-permitting the M.Ps./M.L.As./M.L.Cs;/of attesting passport forms;

(b) if so, whether directive have been issued and whether they will be implemented; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) to (c) During discussion in Parliament including discussions in the Rajya Sabha on 30th May 1990, a view was expressed that Members of Parliament etc. would not like to take on this additional responsibility for verifying the antecedants of applicants. However if Members of Parliament feel that they would like to take on this responsibility, Government have no objction to reconsidering the matter.

Repairs and maintenance of Bombay-Goa National Highway

491. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether some amount has been allocated for the repairs and maintenance of Bombay-Goa National Highway during current financial year;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the progress made so far in the repair work of the Highway and the time by which it would be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. During 1991-92 an amount of Rs. 230 lakhs has been allocated for the maintenance and repairs of Bombay-Goa National Highway No. 17 to the concerned State of Maharastra and Goa against ordinary repairs, periodical renewals, flood damage repairs, etc.

(c) Maintenance and repairs is a continuous process and these activities are pursued throughout the year as per actual needs to keep National Highways in traffic-worthy condition.